

THE CITY OF CRANSTON

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

IN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 9 CHAPTER 9.08.062 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON, 2005, ENTITLED "PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE - NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL AND PRUNING OF TREES"

No.

Passed:

Jessica M. Marino, Council President

Approved:

Kenneth J. Hopkins, Mayor

It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Cranston as follows:

Section 1. Title 9 Chapter 9.08.062 is hereby amended by adding the following:

9.08.062 Notice requirements for removal and pruning of trees

Unless the tree or shrub constitutes an imminent public hazard, the tree warden shall give ten (10) days' notice of the removal or pruning of trees located on public rights of way. Notice shall be posted in the immediate vicinity of the tree or shrub to be removed or pruned. Notice on the tree should indicate the date of notice, the date, time and location of public hearing and the city's tree warden telephone number and email. If any person, firm, or corporation objects to the removal or pruning of the tree or shrub, he or she may appeal to the tree warden, in writing. The tree warden shall hold a public hearing and give reasonable notice to all those persons who are known to be of interest and suitable notice of said meeting must be posted in the immediate vicinity. Within three seven days of the hearing, the tree warden shall render his or her decision granting or denying the appeal and notify persons who are known to be of interest and provide Cranston City Council members with a list of the city trees to be removed, the location of the tree, and reasoning for the final decision at the next Cranston City Council Public Works Committee meeting.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve the property owner of the responsibility to maintain trees on his or her property.

Nor shall this section be construed to change or otherwise designate the area of the city's responsibility for tree maintenance.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final adoption.

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Positive Endorsement:

Negative Endorsement: (Attach reasons)

City Solicitor	Date	City Solicitor	Date
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Sponsored by Council Vice-President Vargas, Councilman Donegan, and Council President Marino

Referred to Ordinance Committee on March 16, 2023